

**In the Specification:**

On page 8, line 20, replace "~~Figure 1, the speech signal 220~~" with --Figure 2, the speech signal 210--.

On page 9, line 9, replace "encoder selector 215" with --encoder selector 212--.

On page 10, line 6, replace "~~one of the rate determination controller 220~~" with --the rate determination controller 220--.

On page 11, line 19, replace "communication channel 460" with --communication channel 490--.

On page 12, line 16, replace "~~speech encoder~~" with --speech encoders--.

Replacement pages for page 8, page 9, page 10, page 11, and page 12 are submitted herewith.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows: